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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 802

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A RESOLUTION to specially recognize Adam S, Bohanan, 2000
Valedictorian of Gatlinburg-Pittman High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Adam S. Bohanan is one such exceptional student who was recently named valedictorian of the 2000 graduating class at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Adam has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, this outstanding student athlete has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Adam has made the Honor Roll during each of his high school years; he was recognized by inclusion in the prestigious *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, and was a member of the National Latin Honor Society for Latin I and II. Adam earned the distinction of Maxima Cum Laude in the National Latin I Exam, and Magna Cum Laude in the National Latin II Exam; and

WHEREAS, a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist, Adam has participated in the Tennessee Academic Decathlon State Tournament, the Cookeville and Oneida Tournament where he was a Scholars' Bowl All-Star Scorer and the Regional Math Contest in Geometry; and

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee Junior Classical League tournament, he received academic awards for second place in Reading Comprehension I, third place for Vocabulary I, and fifth place in Grammar I; and

WHEREAS, his long list of awards in academic excellence includes Honors Algebra, World Geography, Diversified Technology, Honors Biology I, Wellness, Latin I and II, Geometry, Honors English II A and B, Chemistry, Honors Biology, and United States Government; and

WHEREAS, this excellent student is also a talented athlete, having been a valued member of the school Cross-Country and Track and Field teams; at the Junior Classical League Convention, Adam won third place in the discus event; and

WHEREAS, a role model who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership, he was manager of the Scholars' Bowl Team as a sophomore, captain of the Scholars' Bowl team his junior and senior years, the Junior Class Representative to the Student Council, the Parliamentarian of the Student Council during his senior year and an American Legion Boys' State alternate delegate; and

WHEREAS, his extracurricular activities include playing in the Academic Decathlon, singing in a barbershop quartet, and being a member of the Beta Club, Christians In Action, Future Problem Solvers, the Interact Club, and Mu Alpha Theta; and

WHEREAS, a true volunteer who has followed the finest traditions of the Volunteer State, Adam has generously contributed his time and leadership abilities to numerous community activities by walking in the Alzheimer's Memory Walk for three years, collecting money at the "A Taste of Autumn" charity auction, setting up and taking down Christmas trees at the Gatlinburg Garden Club Festival of Trees, passing out cokes and popcorn at the

Gatlinburg Spring Kick-Off, picking up trash at the Gatlinburg River Clean-Up, and tutoring students in math; and

WHEREAS, Adam has been highly praised for his strong work ethic and competence by his employers at Bugle Boy and The Track; and

WHEREAS, his hobbies include singing, spending time with family and friends, and reading; and

WHEREAS, Adam's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Walter and Rosella Bohanan, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Adam's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Adam S. Bohanan, one of our "best and brightest" young citizens on his selection as the 2000 Gatlinburg-Pittman High School Valedictorian and for his numerous other accomplishments, extending our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, with the final resolving clause deleted, be furnished to Adam.